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NAIROBI FOR MATHERON

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SUBJECT: EXPULSION OF CUBAN AND YEMENI DIPLOMATS

REF: NAIROBI 7889 (NOTAL)

1. EMBOFF ALSO RECEIVED TELEPHONE CALL MAY 24 FROM NAIROBI CONCERNING REPORT OF EXPULSION FROM ETHIOPIA OF TWO CUBAN AND ONE SOUTH YEMENI (PDRY) DIPLOMATS. REUTERS CORRESPONDENT SAID WEST GERMAN NEWSPAPER "DIE WELTE" HAD REPORTED THAT CUBAN AND PDRY EMBASSIES HAD ARRANGED FOR RE-ENTRY OF ALL ETHIOPIAN SOCIALIST MOVEMENT (AESM OR ME'I SONE) LEADER NEGEDE GOBEZIE. "DIE WELTE" CLAIMED PURPOSES OF RE-ENTRY WERE TO BRING ABOUT RECONCILIATION WITH DIRG CHAIRMAN MENGISTU, TO SOLIDIFY BASIS OF WORKERS/COMMUNIST PARTY AND TO ESTABLISH SUCH A PARTY BY SEPT 12, 1978 (4TH ANNIVERSARY OF ETHIOPIAN REVOLUTION), WHICH WOULD BE CONSECRATED AT THAT TIME BY VISIT OF SOVIET LEADER BREZHNEV TO ETHIOPIA. HOWEVER, "DIE WELTE" STORY REPORTEDLY CONTINUED,  
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RECONCILIATION DID NOT MATERIALIZE AND ETHIOPIANS SUBSEQUENTLY EXPELLED CUBAN AMBASSADOR AND HIS DEPUTY, AS WELL AS PDRY AMBASSADOR. REUTERS CORRESPONDENT ASKED FOR CONFIRMATION OF STORY AND EMBOFF RESPONDED HE COULD NOT COMMENT ON IT.

2. FOLLOWING DAY, BOTH AP AND NEW YORK TIMES CORRESPON-

DENTS ALSO RESIDENT IN NAIROBI, TELEPHONED EMBOFF ON SAME MATTER AND RECEIVED SAME RESPONSE. AP MAN, BRIAN JEFFRIES, SAID HE WAS GOING TO ATTEMPT TO CONTACT CHARGE MATHERON, WHO ATTENDING ECONOMIC SEMINAR IN NAIROBI. STORY OF NEGEDE RE-ENTRY AND DEPARTURE FAIRLY WIDELY KNOWN ON DIPLOMATIC CIRCUIT, HOWEVER, ANY STORY ABOUT EXPULSION OF CUBAN AND PDRY DIPLOMATS IS NOT. SWEDISH EMBOFF (PROTEXT) WHO HAS CLOSE CONTACTS WITH ME'I SONE PERSONALITIES HAS STATED THAT SEVERAL OF DIPLOMATS INVOLVED WITH NEGEDE RETURN/EXIT WERE IN FACT EXPELLED. DIPLOMAT DID NOT SPECIFY WHICH DIPLOMATS, BUT HE DID ACKNOWLEDGE PREVIOUSLY CUBANS AND PDRY WERE THOSE INVOLVED. NEGEDE WAS CLOSE PERSONALLY WITH ALL 3 DIPLOMATS REFERRED TO IN "DIE WELTE" REPORT, AND THEY PROBABLY BELIEVED MENGISTU GAVE HIS PERMISSION FOR NEGEDE RETURN.

3. EXPULSION STORY WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE ON DIP CIRCUIT IN NEXT FEW DAYS, WHILE CIVILIAN MISCHIEVOUSNESS MAY HAVE REINFORCED NATURAL ETHIOPIAN PREDILECTION ABOUT "PLOTING", IT DOES NOT YET APPEAR TO HAVE HAD ANY VISIBLE IMPACT ON ETHIO-CUBAN MILITARY RELATIONS. OTHER CUBAN DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN QUITE VISIBLE AT VARIOUS NATIONAL DAYS AND OAU FUNCTIONS THIS WEEK. HOWEVER, INCIDENT APPARENTLY AROUSED HEATED DEBATE WITHIN DIRG AND DRAMATICALLY HIGHLIGHTED DEGREE TO WHICH ME'I SONE HAS FALLEN

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OUT OF FAVOR AND REVOLUTIONARY FLAME (SEDED--ANOTHER OF COMPETING MARXIST-LENINIST GROUPS) HAS RISEN. INCIDENT ALSO SERVED TO ILLUSTRATE DIFFERENCES WITHIN DIRG OVER ANY EVENTUAL NATIONAL PARTY AND PROBABLY FORCED DIRG MEMBERS TO SHOW THEIR SENTIMENTS ABOUT SAME MORE THAN THEY MAY HAVE DESIRED.

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